

# Advanced C++

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declare pointers:

```
Rectangle *pointerToRect = &aRect;
```

pointerToRect is a *pointer to Rectangle*  
initially points to aRect

dereference pointers:

```
(*pointerToRect).size, pointerToRect->size,
```

```
*pointerToRect = anotherRect
```

all modify pointed-to object (aRect)

&

declare references:

```
Rectangle &refToRect = aRect;  
void print(const Rectangle &theRect);
```

refToRect, theRect are *references to Rectangle*

address-of:

```
pointerToRect = &refToRect;
```

&value is the address of value

## recall: reference v pointer

pointer — explicitly dereference, can reassign

reference — “bound” to object on creation, always refers to it

typical implementation of both in asm: pointer

# typed pointers

```
double Z = 26.0;  
int *pointerToInt = &Z;    // ERROR
```

“cannot convert 'double\*' to 'int\*' in  
initialization”

C++ cares about type (but just addresses in assembly)

# dereference example (1)

```
int n = 26;  
int *somePointer = &n;  
  
cout << somePointer << endl;  
cout << *somePointer << endl;
```

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int *somePointer = &n;  
  
cout << somePointer << endl;  
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```

---

example output: (address will vary...)

0x7fff35fc3fe4  
26

## dereference example (2)

```
int n = 26;  
int *somePointer = &n;  
*somePointer = 45;  
  
cout << somePointer << endl;  
cout << *somePointer << endl;
```

## dereference example (2)

```
int n = 26;  
int *somePointer = &n;  
*somePointer = 45;
```

```
cout << somePointer << endl;  
cout << *somePointer << endl;
```

---

example output: (address will vary...)

0x7fff35fc3fe4

45

## dereference example (3)

```
ListNode *ptr1, *ptr2;  
ptr1 = new ListNode;  
ptr2 = new ListNode  
  
bool result1 = (ptr1 == ptr2);  
bool result2 = (*ptr1 == *ptr2);
```

## dereference example (3)

```
ListNode *ptr1, *ptr2;  
ptr1 = new ListNode;  
ptr2 = new ListNode  
  
bool result1 = (ptr1 == ptr2);  
bool result2 = (*ptr1 == *ptr2);
```

---

result1 definitely false (different addresses)

result2 probably true (depends on ListNode::operator==)

## reference example

```
int y = 5;  
int &x = y;  
cout << x << endl;  
cout << &x << endl;  
cout << &y << endl;  
x = 15;  
cout << y << endl;
```

## reference example

```
int y = 5;  
int &x = y;  
cout << x << endl;  
cout << &x << endl;  
cout << &y << endl;  
x = 15;  
cout << y << endl;
```

---

example output (address will vary...)

5  
0x7ffeeda220d4

0x7ffeeda220d4  
15

can't change address stored in x

# pointers to pointers

```
int main() {  
    Animal cow;  
    Animal* cowPtr1 = &cow;  
    Animal** cowPtr2(&cowPtr1);  
    Animal*** cowPtr3 = &cowPtr2;  
    ...  
}
```

---

# pointers to pointers

```
int main() {  
    Animal cow;  
    Animal* cowPtr1 = &cow;  
    Animal** cowPtr2(&cowPtr1);  
    Animal*** cowPtr3 = &cowPtr2;  
    ...  
}
```

---

cow = Animal

cowPtr1 = pointer to Animal

cowPtr2 = pointer to (pointer to Animal)

cowPtr3 = pointer to pointer to (pointer to Animal)

# example memory layout

memory	
address	value
...	...
0x10000	0x500
0x10008	0x10000
0x10010	0x10008
0x10018	0x10010
...	...

The diagram illustrates a memory layout with four pointers pointing to the same memory location. The memory is represented as a table with columns for address and value. The value at address 0x10000 is 0x500, which is highlighted with a green border. The values at addresses 0x10008, 0x10010, and 0x10018 are all 0x10000, which are highlighted with blue borders. Three black arrows point from the labels 'cow', 'cowPtr1', and 'cowPtr2' to the 0x10000 value at address 0x10008. A fourth black arrow points from the label 'cowPtr3' to the 0x10000 value at address 0x10018.

# ref to pointer v pointer to pointer

```
void insert(TreeNode*& n, int value) {  
    if (n == NULL)  
        n = new TreeNode(value);  
    else if (value < n->value)  
        insert(n->left, value);  
    else if (value > n->value)  
        insert(n->right, value);  
}
```

---

```
void insert(TreeNode** n, int value) {  
    if (*n == NULL)  
        *n = new TreeNode(value);  
    else if (value < n->value)  
        insert(&(n->left), value);  
    else if (value > n->value)  
        insert(&(n->right), value);  
}
```

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}
```

# by ref versus by value

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        insert(n->left, value);  
    else if (value > n->value)  
        insert(n->right, value);  
}
```

---

```
TreeNode *insert(TreeNode* n, int value) {  
    if (n == NULL)  
        return new TreeNode(value);  
    else if (value < n->value) {  
        n->left = insert(n->left, value);  
        return n;  
    } else if (value > n->value) {  
        n->right = insert(n->right, value);  
        return n;  
    }  
}
```

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}
```

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    if (n == NULL)  
        return new TreeNode(value);  
    else if (value < n->value) {  
        n->left = insert(n->left, value);  
        return n;  
    } else if (value > n->value) {  
        n->right = insert(n->right, value);  
        return n;  
    }  
}
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}
```

---

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TreeNode *insert(TreeNode* n, int value) {  
    if (n == NULL)  
        return new TreeNode(value);  
    else if (value < n->value) {  
        n->left = insert(n->left, value);  
        return n;  
    } else if (value > n->value) {  
        n->right = insert(n->right, value);  
        return n;  
    }  
}
```

# several memory allocation problems

BROKEN:

```
void someFunc(int *somePointer) {
    int someval(3);
    somePointer = &someVal;
}

int main() {
    int *firstPointer;
    someFunc(firstPointer);
    cout << *firstPointer << endl;
    return 0;
}
```

---

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}
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    cout << *firstPointer << endl;  
    return 0;  
}
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---

pointer to deallocated memory — need new

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}  
  
int main() {  
    int *firstPointer;  
    someFunc(firstPointer);  
    cout << *firstPointer << endl;  
    return 0;  
}
```

---

pointer to deallocated memory — need new  
pass by value, not by reference

# several memory allocation problems (fixed?)

```
void someFunc(int *&somePointer) {  
    somePointer = new int(3);  
}  
  
int main() {  
    int *firstPointer;  
    someFunc(firstPointer);  
    cout << *firstPointer << endl;  
    return 0;  
}
```

# several memory allocation problems

BROKEN:

```
void someFunc() {  
    double *aliasPointer;  
    aliasPointer = new double(6.27);  
    cout << *aliasPointer << endl;  
}
```

---

# several memory allocation problems

BROKEN:

```
void someFunc() {  
    double *aliasPointer;  
    aliasPointer = new double(6.27);  
    cout << *aliasPointer << endl;  
}
```

---

memory leak — never deleted

# several memory allocation problems

BROKEN:

```
void someFunc() {
    double duration = 3.14;
{
    double * somePtr;
{
    somePtr = &duration;
}
cout << *somePtr << endl;
return 0;
}
```

---

# several memory allocation problems

BROKEN:

```
void someFunc() {  
    double duration = 3.14;  
    {  
        double * somePtr;  
        {  
            somePtr = &duration;  
        }  
    }  
    cout << *somePtr << endl;  
    return 0;  
}
```

---

syntax error: somePtr no longer exists

# several memory allocation problems

BROKEN:

```
int main() {  
    int * anotherPtr;  
    {  
        int someVal(8);  
        cout << *anotherPtr << endl;  
        anotherPtr = &someVal;  
    }  
  
    return 0;  
}
```

---

# several memory allocation problems

BROKEN:

```
int main() {
    int * anotherPtr;
    {
        int someVal(8);
        cout << *anotherPtr << endl;
        anotherPtr = &someVal;
    }

    return 0;
}
```

---

undefined behavior: accessing uninitialized pointer

# several memory allocation problems

BROKEN:

```
void someFunc(int *somePointer) {
    int someVal(12);
    {
        int anotherVal(16);
        somePointer = &anotherVal;
    }
}

int main() {
    int * yetAnotherPtr;
    someFunc(yetAnotherPtr);
    cout << *yetAnotherPtr << endl;
    return 0;
}
```

## a correct example

```
int main() {  
    float * somePtr;  
    somePtr = new float(3.14);  
    cout << *somePtr << endl;  
    delete somePtr;  
    return 0;  
}
```

## a correct example

```
void someFunc() {  
    int *aliasPtr;  
    aliasPtr = new int(25);  
    cout << *aliasPtr << endl;  
}  
  
int main() {  
    int * somePtr;  
    somePtr = new int(3);  
    someFunc();  
    cout << *somePtr << endl;  
    return 0;  
}
```

## a correct example

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void someFunc() {  
    int *aliasPtr;  
    aliasPtr = new int(25);  
    cout << *aliasPtr << endl;  
}  
  
int main() {  
    int *somePtr;  
    somePtr = new int(3);  
    someFunc();  
    cout << *somePtr << endl;  
    return 0;  
}
```

memory leaks

# C++ inheritance example (1)

```
class Name {  
public:  
    Name();  
    ~Name();  
    void setName(const string &name);  
    void print() {  
        cout << myName << endl;  
    }  
private:  
    string myName;  
};
```

## C++ inheritance example (2)

```
class Contact : public Name {  
public:  
    Contact() {  
        myAddress = ""  
    }  
  
    ~Contact() {  
    }  
  
    void setAddress(const string &address) {  
        myAddress = address;  
    }  
  
    void print() {  
        Name::print();  
        cout << myAddress << endl;  
    }  
private:  
    string myAddress;  
}
```

# C++ inheritance example (2)

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public:  
    Contact() {  
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    }  
  
    ~Contact() {}  
  
    void setAddress(const string& address) {  
        myAddress = address;  
    }  
  
    void print() {  
        Name::print();  
        cout << myAddress << endl;  
    }  
private:  
    string myAddress;  
}
```

```
public class Contact  
    extends Name {  
    ...  
    void print() {  
        super.print();  
        ...  
    }  
}
```

# C++ inheritance example (2)

```
class Contact : public Name {  
public:  
    Contact() {  
        myAddress = ""  
    }  
  
    ~Contact() {}  
  
    void setAddress(const string& address) {  
        myAddress = address;  
    }  
  
    void print() {  
        Name::print();  
        cout << myAddress << endl;  
    }  
private:  
    string myAddress;  
}
```

```
public class Contact  
    extends Name {  
    ...  
    void print() {  
        super.print();  
        ...  
    }  
}
```

# contact usage (1)

```
int main(void) {  
    Contact c;  
    c.SetName("John_Doe");  
    c.SetAddress("009_Olsson_Hall");  
    c.print();  
}
```

## contact usage (2)

```
int main(void) {
    Contact c;
    Name &r = c;
    r.SetName("John_Doe");
    // or:
    Name *p = &c;
    p->SetName("John_Doe");
    c.SetAddress("009_Olsson_Hall");
    c.print();
}
```

# memory layout

address value

...	...
0x10000	"John Doe"
0x10020	"009 Olsson Hall"
0x10040	0x10000
...	...

Diagram illustrating memory layout:

- Address 0x10000 contains the string "John Doe". It is labeled `c.myName`.
- Address 0x10020 contains the string "009 Olsson Hall". It is labeled `c.myAddress`.
- Address 0x10040 contains the address 0x10000. It is labeled `r (ref. to c as Name)`.

A brace on the right side groups the first two entries under the label `Contact c`.

# memory layout

address value

...	...
0x10000	"John Doe"
0x10020	"009 Olsson Hall"
0x10040	0x10000
...	...

Diagram illustrating memory layout:

- Address 0x10000 contains the string "John Doe". It is associated with the field `c.myName`.
- Address 0x10020 contains the string "009 Olsson Hall". It is associated with the field `c.myAddress`.
- Address 0x10040 contains the value 0x10000. It is associated with the reference `r` (ref. to `c` as Name).

The fields `c.myName` and `c.myAddress` are grouped under the label `Contact c`, which is annotated as "as Name".

# inheritence in C++

Contact is child of parent Name

has member variables, functions of parent

...with same layout in memory

parent's methods work without changing assembly  
can get reference(pointer) to Name from Contact

add new member functions/variables

# inheritence and constructors, etc.

```
class Parent {  
public:  
    Parent() { cout << "Parent()\n"; }  
    ~Parent() { cout << "~Parent()\n"; }  
};  
class Child : public Parent {  
public:  
    Child() { cout << "Child()\n"; }  
    ~Child() { cout << "~Child()\n"; }  
};  
int main() {  
    Child var;  
    cout << "in_main()\n";  
}
```

---

Parent()  
Child()  
in main()  
~Child()  
~Parent()

# **construction/destruction order**

parent part constructed first

then child

child part destroyed first

then parent

# arguments to parent constructors?

```
class Parent {  
public:  
    Parent(int x) { cout << "Parent(" << x << ")\\n"; }  
    ~Parent() { cout << "~Parent()\\n"; }  
};  
class Child : public Parent {  
public:  
    Child(int x) : Parent(x + 1) { cout << "Child(" << x << ")\\n"; }  
    ~Child() { cout << "~Child()\\n"; }  
};  
int main() {  
    Child var(100);  
    cout << "in_main()\\n";  
}
```

---

Parent(101)  
Child(100)  
in main()  
~Child()  
~Parent()

# multiple inheritance

```
class Sphere : public Shape, public Comparable,  
                public Serializable {  
    // ...  
};
```

# multiple inheritance

```
class Sphere : public Shape, public Comparable,  
                public Serializable {  
    // ...  
};
```

*sort of* like this Java code:

```
public class Sphere extends Shape  
    implements Comparable, Serializable {  
    // ..  
}
```

but — Comparable, Serializable might have their own member variables and implemented methods

# C++ defaults to static dispatch (1)

```
class Parent {  
public:  
    void print() { cout << "Parent::print()\n"; }  
};  
class Child : public Parent {  
public:  
    void print() { cout << "Child::print()\n"; }  
};  
Parent* getParent() { return new Child; }  
int main() {  
    Parent *p = getParent();  
    p->print();  
    delete p;  
}
```

output:  
Parent::print()

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};  
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public:  
    void print() { cout << "Child::print()\n"; }  
};  
Parent* getParent() { return new Child; }  
int main() {  
    Parent *p = getParent();  
    p->print();  
    delete p;  
}
```

output:  
Parent::print()

# static versus dynamic dispatch

static dispatch — call method based on compile-time type

dynamic dispatch — call method based on run-time type

# C++ defaults to static dispatch (2)

```
class Parent {  
public:  
    Parent() {cout << "Parent()\n"; }  
    ~Parent() { cout << "~Parent()\n"; }  
};  
class Child : public Parent {  
public:  
    Child() { cout << "Child()\n"; }  
    ~Child() { cout << "~Child()\n"; }  
};  
Parent* getParent() { return new Child; }  
int main() {  
    Parent *p = getParent();  
    delete p;  
}
```

output (*probably*):  
Parent()  
Child()  
~Parent()

# C++ defaults to static dispatch (2)

```
class Parent {  
public:  
    Parent() {cout << "Parent()\n"; }  
    ~Parent() { cout << "~Parent()\n"; }  
};  
class Child : public Parent {  
public:  
    Child() { cout << "Child()\n"; }  
    ~Child() { cout << "~Child()\n"; }  
};  
Parent* getParent() { return new Child; }  
int main() {  
    Parent *p = getParent();  
    delete p;  
}
```

output (*probably*):  
Parent()  
Child()  
~Parent()

# **virtual: ask for dynamic dispatch**

`virtual` keyword — ask for dynamic dispatch

not default — because slower:

static dispatch: just a function call

dynamic dispatch: lookup correct function first!

# virtual methods (1)

```
class Parent {  
public:  
    virtual void print() { cout << "Parent::print()\n"; }  
};  
class Child : public Parent {  
public:  
    void print() { cout << "Child::print()\n"; }  
};  
Parent* getParent() { return new Child; }  
int main() {  
    Parent *p = getParent();  
    p->print();  
    delete p;  
}
```

output:  
Child::print()

# virtual methods (1)

```
class Parent {  
public:  
    Parent() {cout << "Parent()\n"; }  
    virtual ~Parent() { cout << "~Parent()\n"; }  
};  
class Child : public Parent {  
public:  
    Child() { cout << "Child()\n"; }  
    ~Child() { cout << "~Child()\n"; }  
};  
Parent* getParent() { return new Child; }  
int main() {  
    Parent *p = getParent();  
    delete p;  
}
```

output:  
Parent()  
Child()  
~Child()  
~Parent()

# virtual destructors

required if you call delete on a base-class pointer  
(but it's actually an instance of the subclass)

compiler might use destructor to know how much memory to free  
so required even if destructor "doesn't do anything"

C++ standard quote: "If the static type of the object to be deleted is different from its dynamic type, the static type shall be a base class of the dynamic type of the object to be deleted and the static type shall have a virtual destructor or the behavior is undefined."

# a dynamic call

```
class Parent {  
public:  
    virtual void foo() { ... }  
    ...  
};  
class Child : public Parent {  
    virtual void foo() { ... }  
    ...  
};  
Parent *get(); // return Parent or Child  
int main() {  
    Parent *p = get();  
    p->foo();  
}
```

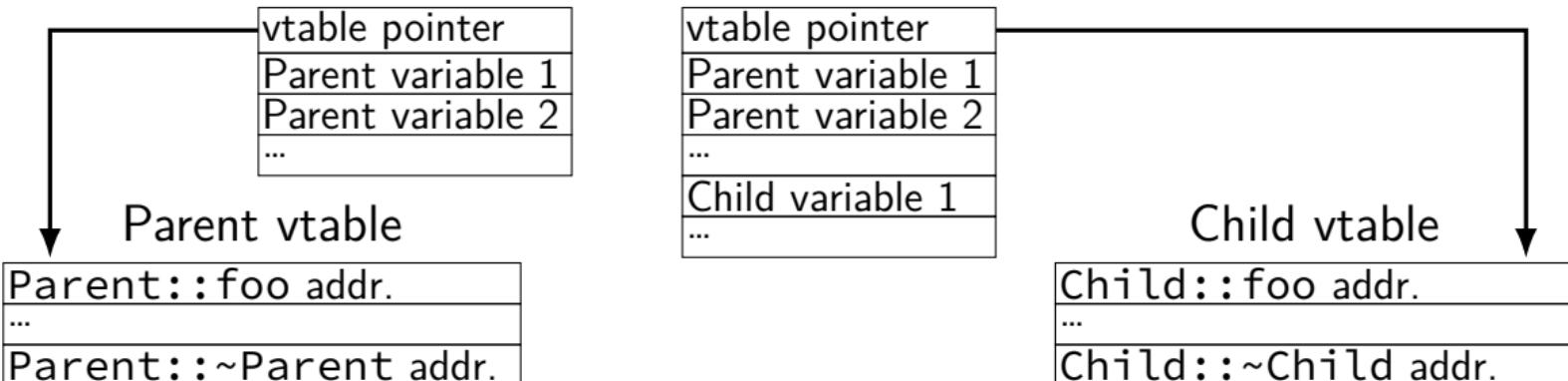
What does assembly for `main` look like?  
Could call `Parent::foo` or `Child::foo`

# dynamic call: assembly

```
// Parent *p (RAX) = get();  
call get  
mov rcx, [rax + 0]    // rcx ← "VTable" address  
mov rdi, rax          // rdi (this arg) ← p  
call [rcx + 0]         // call what rcx points to
```

Parent object

Child object

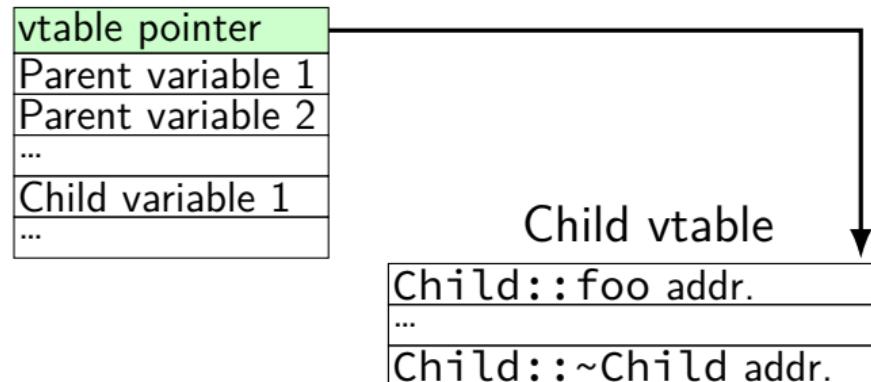
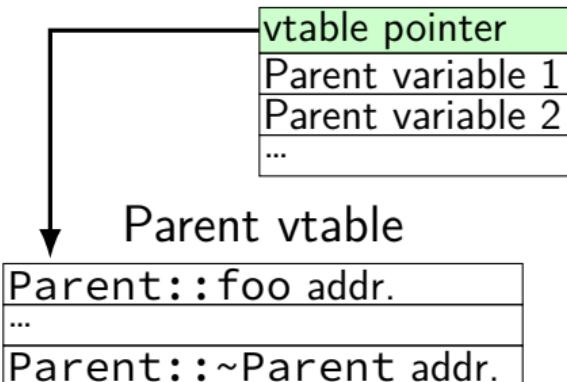


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Child object

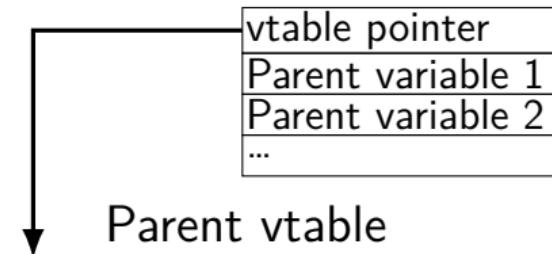


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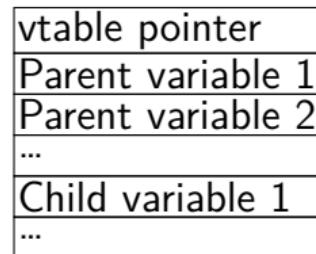
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call get  
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call [rcx + 0]         // call what rcx points to
```

Parent object

Child object



Parent::foo addr.  
...  
Parent::~Parent addr.



Child::foo addr.  
...  
Child::~Child addr.

# vtables during construction

vtable set by constructor call

constructor call order:

parent vtable set first

then Parent() constructor run

overwritten with child vtable

then Child() constructor run

...

rule: never call method before it's type's constructor

# pure virtual member functions

```
class Shape {  
public:  
    virtual void draw() = 0;  
}
```

= 0 — no implementation!

“pure virtual function/method”

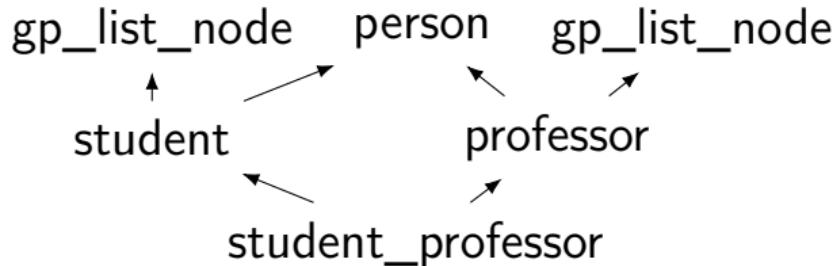
must be overridden to create object

otherwise, “abstract class”

≈ abstract in Java

only abstract methods ≈ Java interface

# diamonds or duplicates



replicated parents (`gp_list_node`)

one copy each time inherited

separate lists of students, professors

shared parents (`person`)

one copy of attributes (name?) for person

# C++ default: replicated inheritance

```
class Parent { public:  
    int value;  
};  
class A : public Parent {};  
class B : public Parent {};  
class C : public A, public B {};  
  
int main() {  
    C c;  
    A& as_a = c; B& as_b = c;  
    as_a.value = 1; as_b.value = 2;  
    cout << as_a.value << " " << as_b.value << endl;  
}
```

---

output: 1 2 (two copies of value)

# virtual inheritance: one copy

```
class Parent { public:  
    int value;  
};  
class A : public virtual Parent {};  
class B : public virtual Parent {};  
class C : public A, public B {};  
  
int main() {  
    C c;  
    A& as_a = c; B& as_b = c;  
    as_a.value = 1; as_b.value = 2;  
    cout << as_a.value << " " << as_b.value << endl;  
}
```

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output: 2 2 (as\_a.value same as as\_b.value)

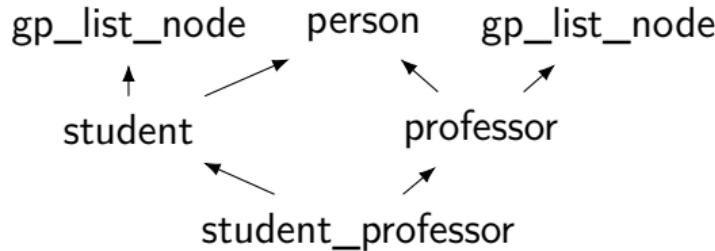
# virtual inheritance: one copy

```
class Parent { public:  
    int value;  
};  
class A : public virtual Parent {};  
class B : public virtual Parent {};  
class C : public A, public B {};  
  
int main() {  
    C c;  
    A& as_a = c; B& as_b = c;  
    as_a.value = 1; as_b.value = 2;  
    cout << as_a.value << " " << as_b.value << endl;  
}
```

---

output: 2 2 (as\_a.value same as as\_b.value)

# declaring a mix



```
class student: public virtual person, public gp_list_node {...};  
class professor: public virtual person, public gp_list_node {...};  
class student_professor: public professor, public student {...};
```

# diamond inheritance and constructors (1)

```
class Parent { public:  
    Parent(const char *x) { cout << "Parent(" << x << ")" << endl; }  
};  
class A : public virtual Parent { public:  
    A() : Parent("A") {}  
};  
class B : public virtual Parent { public:  
    B() : Parent("B") {}  
};  
class C : public A, public B { public:  
    C() : Parent("C") {}  
};  
  
int main() {  
    C c;  
}
```

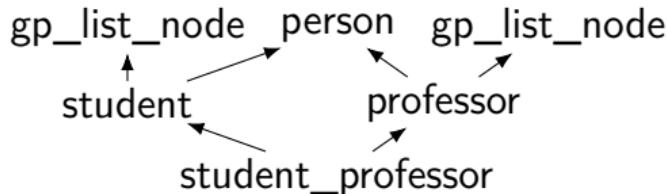
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output: Parent(C)

## diamond inheritance and constructors (2)

```
class Parent { public:  
    Parent() { cout << "Parent() [default constructor]" << endl; }  
    Parent(const char *x) { cout << "Parent(" << x << ")" << endl; }  
};  
class A : public virtual Parent { public:  
    A() : Parent("A") {}  
};  
class B : public virtual Parent { public:  
    B() : Parent("B") {}  
};  
class C : public A, public B { public:  
    C() {}  
};  
  
int main() {  
    C c;  
}  
-----  
output: Parent() [default constructor]
```

# duplicate layout



```
gp_list_node &getStudentList(student_professor &p) {  
    return (gp_list_node &) (student &) p;  
}  
gp_list_node &getProfessorList(student_professor &p) {  
    return (gp_list_node &) (professor &) p;  
}
```

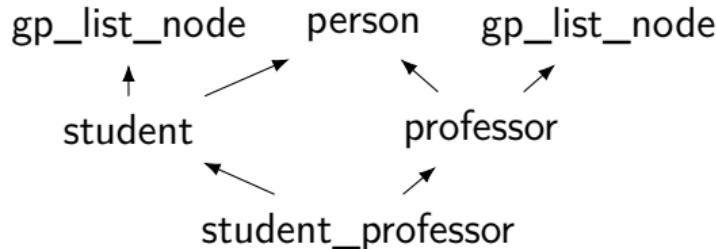
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example assembly:

getStudentList:  
    lea rax, [rdi + 8]  
    ret

getProfessorList:  
    lea rax, [rdi + 64]  
    ret

# diamond layout



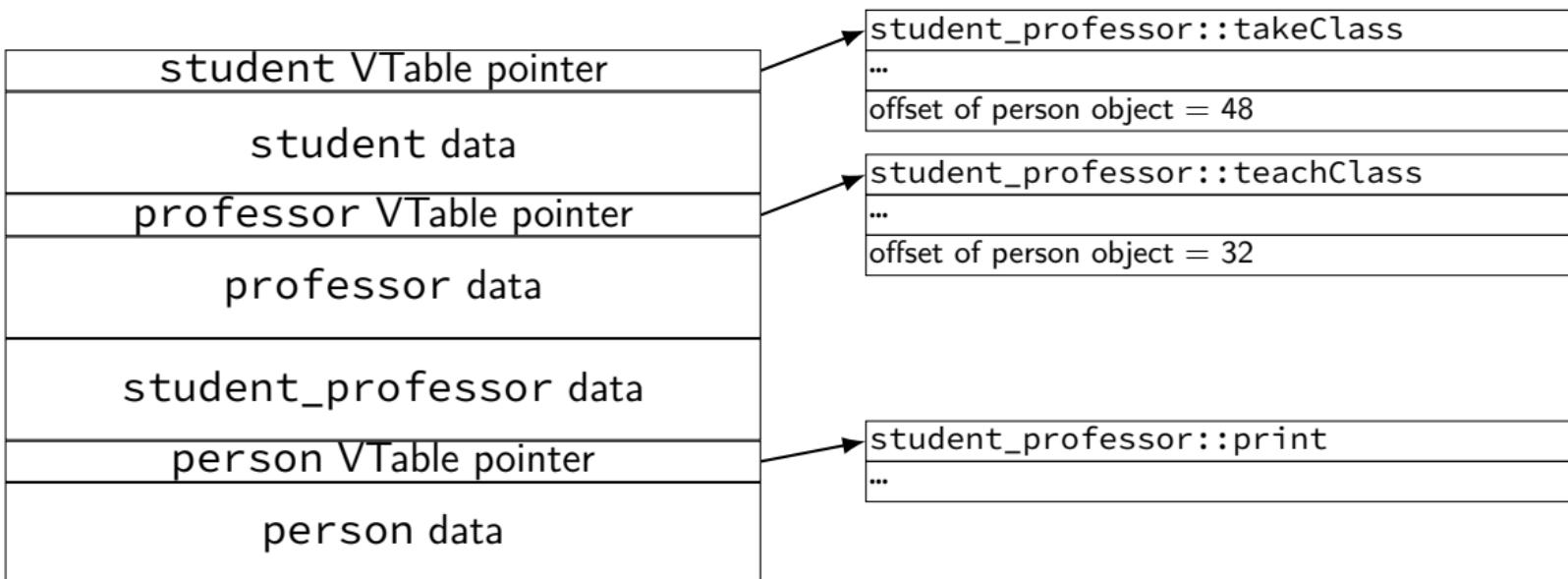
```
(person&) studentProf ==  
    (person &) (student &) studentProf ==  
        (person &) (professor &) studentProf
```

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casts need more indirection to implement

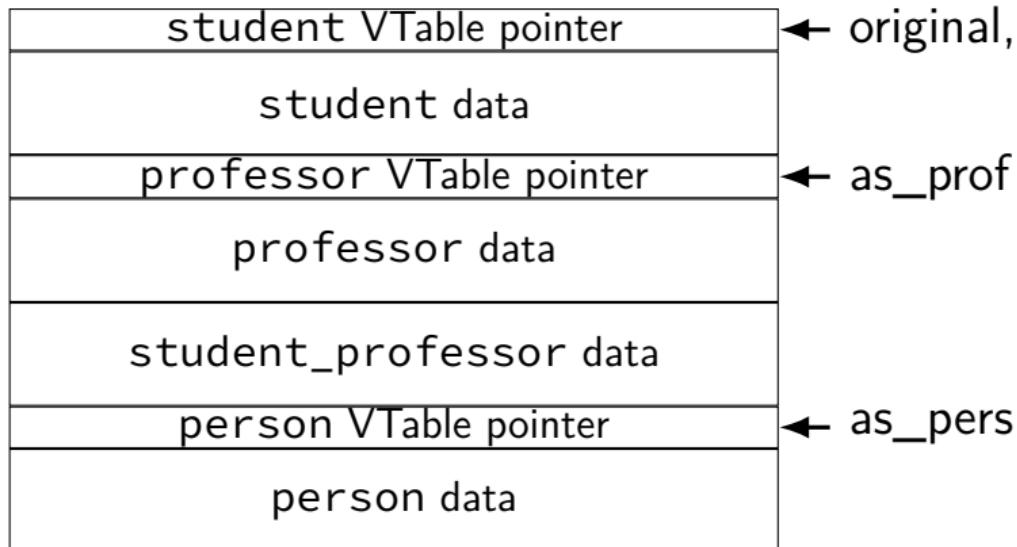
example: vtable lookup of offset to 'person' fields  
different 'offsets' of object for professor versus  
student\_professor

# a possible layout



# a possible layout

```
student_professor *original  
    = new student_professor;  
student *as_student = original;  
professor *as_prof = original;  
person *as_pers = original;
```



## co-variant arrays

```
String[] a = new String[1];  
Object[] aAsObjects = a;  
b[0] = new Integer(1);
```

compiles, but throws ArrayStoreException

not really an array of objects

## non-co-variant containers

```
class Parent {};
class Child : public Parent {};
...
vector<Child *> v;

vector<Parent *> &vAsParent = v; // DOES NOT COMPILE
```

# multiple inheritance style guides

Google C++ style guide:

“Only very rarely is multiple implementation inheritance actually useful. We allow multiple inheritance only when at most one of the base classes has an implementation; all other base classes must be pure interface classes tagged with the Interface suffix.”

Joint Strike Fighter C++ style guide:

“Stateful virtual bases should be rarely used and only after other design options have been carefully weighed.”

# C++11 and beyond

C++ standard versions:

1997 (C++03): `-std=c++98`

2003 (C++03): `-std=c++03`

August 2011 (C++11): `-std=c++11`

August 2014 (C++14): `-std=c++14`

March 2017 (C++17): `-std=c++17`

??? 2020 (C++20)

# notable C++11 features

move constructors and r-value references

option for moving value from *x* to *y* without copying

initialization with braces: Class name{arg1, arg2, ...}

foreach loops: **for** (**int** &*x*: some\_vector) {...}

type inference: **auto** *it* = some\_vector.iterator();

return type at end: **auto** foo(**int** *x*, **int** *y*) -> **int**;

**nullptr**

(more) smart pointers

# move motivation

```
vector<string> v;  
...  
v.push_back(getBigString());
```

---

C++03: this **makes a copy** of what `getBigString()` returns!  
(`push_back` calls the copy constructor)

## using move constructors

```
string one = "some_contents";  
string two = std::move(one);
```

---

two contains "some contents"

one's contents unspecified

# move constructors

```
class DynamicArray {  
public:  
    ...  
    DynamicArray(DyanmicArray &&moveFrom) {  
        pointer = moveFrom.pointer;  
        size = moveFrom.size;  
        moveFrom.pointer = NULL;  
        moveFrom.size = 0;  
    }  
private:  
    int *pointer;  
    int size;  
};
```

# using move assignment

```
string one = "some_contents";
string two = "other_contents";
two = std::move(one);
```

---

two contains "some contents"  
one's contents **unspecified**

# move assignment operators

```
class DynamicArray {  
public:  
    ...  
    DynamicArray &operator=(DynamicArray &&moveFrom) {  
        if (pointer != NULL)  
            delete[] pointer;  
        pointer = moveFrom.pointer;  
        size = moveFrom.size;  
        moveFrom.pointer = NULL;  
        moveFrom.size = 0;  
        return *this;  
    }  
private:  
    int *pointer;  
    int size;  
};
```

# brace-based initialization

can now use {} to initialize objects:

```
// SomeClass()
SomeClass foo;                                SomeClass foo{};

// SomeClass(const SomeClass &
SomeClass bar(foo);                            SomeClass bar{foo};

// SomeClass(int, int, int, int)
SomeClass quux(1, 2, 3, 4);                  SomeClass quux{1, 2, 3, 4};

// vector<int>(initializer_list<int>)
/* not supported in C++03 */      vector<int> v{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5};
```

# range-based for loops

```
int array[1000];
....
for (int &x : array) {
    ...
}
```

---

```
vector<int> v;
...
for (int &x : v) {
    ...
}
```

# auto

```
vector<int> v;  
auto it = v.begin();  
// instead of:  
vector<int>::iterator it = v.begin();
```

# trailing return types

```
auto foo(int x, int y) -> int { ... }  
// instead of:  
int foo(int x, int y) { ... }
```

# nullptr

nullptr is substitute for 0/NUL

typechecks better

```
int x = nullptr; — ERROR  
int x = NULL; — sets x to 0
```

# unique\_ptr

instead of:

```
class Foo {  
    ...  
    ~Foo() { delete bar; }  
    void set() {  
        if (bar) delete bar;  
        bar = new Bar(...);  
    }  
    Bar *bar;  
};
```

---

```
class Foo {  
    void set() {  
        bar.reset(new Bar(...));  
    }  
    unique_ptr<Bar> bar;  
};
```

# unique\_ptr implementation

```
template <class T> class unique_ptr {  
    ...  
    T& operator->() { return *value; }  
    T& operator*() { return *value; }  
    void reset(T* new_value) {  
        if (value) delete value;  
        value = new_value;  
    }  
    ~unique_ptr() {  
        if (value) delete value;  
    }  
private:  
    T *value;  
}
```

# the smart pointers

`unique_ptr` — “owns” the object

    delete object when pointer goes away/changes

`shared_ptr` — keeps a reference count

    delete object when last `shared_ptr` goes away

`weak_ptr` — works with `shared_ptr`, but doesn’t modify reference count

    handles circular references

# miscellaneous C++11/14/17

lambda expressions (closures)

compile-time arithmetic (`constexpr`)

function attributes

e.g. `[[override]]`: ‘give me an error if this isn’t overriding something’

compile-time assertions

using C++11, etc.

clang -std=c++11 (or c++14 ...)